



KING COUNTY
COMMUNITY ASTHMA NURSE
(Public Health Nurse)

PUBLIC HEALTH-SEATTLE & KING COUNTY - EPE/HEALTHY HOMES-II ASTHMA PROJECT

Hourly Rate Range \$23.24 - \$30.98

Job Announcement No: 04TA4103

OPEN: 3/8/04

CLOSE: Open Until Filled

WHO MAY APPLY: This position is open to all qualified candidates.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials **must** be sent to: **Nursing Administration, 999 Third Avenue, Suite 1200, Seattle, 98104.** **PLEASE NOTE:** Applications not received at the location specified above may not be processed. **For further inquiries, contact Lisa Carol Ross, MPH, Project Manager, 206-296-2778 lisacarol.ross@metrokc.gov or Kris Edwards at (206)296-4569 kristine.edwards@metrokc.gov**

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: A [Public Health-Seattle & King County nursing employment application, applicant data sheet](#) and letter of interest detailing your background and describing how you meet or exceed the requirements are required.

WORK LOCATION: 9010 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, WA 98108. Position will see clients at various clinic sites throughout King County with a focus in Central & South King County. New location after 3/1/04 will be 7300 Perimeter Road, Seattle, WA 98108

WORK SCHEDULE: This position is overtime eligible. This is a 32 hour/ week position with a flexible schedule; occasional evenings and weekends may be required.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Community Asthma Nurse (CAN) will work as part of the Healthy Homes-II Asthma Project, a research study funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The project aims to reduce asthma triggers inside the home, such as molds, dust mites and/or tobacco smoke. The CAN will provide patient education, case management and care coordination to study participants. The CAN will see participants at their source of primary care, and will rotate between clinic sites located primarily in central to south King County.

PRIMARY JOB FUNCTIONS:

The Community Asthma Nurse will receive training, and be responsible for the following:

Conduct an initial structured intake (assessment) with each child and caretaker enrolled in the study.

- Work with a computerized system that will incorporate assessment data to generate a preliminary asthma management plan and modify the list by working with each client to identify a set of client-specific goals and actions which reflect participant priorities.
- Prepare an asthma action plan for inclusion in the management plan. The action plan instructs participants on how to modify medication use and when to seek medical attention based on PEF values and/or symptoms.
- Use protocols to guide delivery of information to clients, emphasizing key educational concepts. The nurse will address asthma pathophysiology, preventive and controller medication use, self-management techniques (self-monitoring and use of action plan), environmental control and avoidance of triggers, nutrition and physical activity, use of the health care system, and successful communication with health providers, as suggested by NAEPP guidelines and reviews of asthma education.

- Monitor information on clients' asthma status, pulmonary function, medication use and technique, self-monitoring, use of the asthma action plan, health services use, control of indoor triggers, psychosocial issues in home and school, logistical barriers to asthma control, patient-provider communication and patient satisfaction.
- Act as the project liaison with these clinic nurses, Providing training and support for clinic staff on project protocols, and working with them to ensure project deliverables are met (project implementation and paperwork/reports).
- Meet regularly with clinic staff to answer questions, review cases, and discuss study protocols.
- Meet regularly with project staff to coordinate implementation of project interventions.
- Prepare progress reports.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid Washington State Registered Nurse License and BSN from an NLN accredited university or equivalent.
- Knowledge of public health nursing principles and processes; human systems; personal safety techniques and principles; health care system structure and function; infectious disease management, control and safety standards; and basic computer-use including email, word and computer data entry and assessment.
- Skilled in performing comprehensive nursing assessments; successfully engaging clients in a plan of care; effective time management; medical record documentation; problem-solving; and case management.
- Demonstrated ability to work in home and community settings without on-site supervision. Demonstrated skill in communicating effectively with patients and their families and with other health and human services staff; to develop and maintain therapeutic relationships with patients; and to work with culturally and socio-economically diverse populations.
- Demonstrated skill in providing reproductive health education and services, community outreach, and working with community partners and agencies.
- Demonstrated skill in working in a fast paced environment independently and as a team-member, multi-tasking, demonstrating attention to detail with excellent organizational and time-management skills.
- Knowledge of child and adult learning and health education techniques and principles.
- Knowledge of research techniques and principles.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bilingual in English and Spanish or Vietnamese preferred.
- Ability to represent the project in the community and serve as a liaison with the clinics where the project performs the CAN function.
- Ability to respond to unanticipated challenges in a manner consistent with the overall goals of the project.
- Ability to make decisions, adjustments and accommodations based on project needs and goals.
- Ability to function as a positive and contributing member of a work team.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- An offer of employment will be contingent on passing a pre-employment physical exam and the selected candidate must pass a thorough background investigation.
- Washington State Drivers License and the ability to provide own transportation to work locations with limited or no public transportation. **Reimbursement rate for project-related travel is 37.5 cents/mile. This amount covers gas as well as wear and tear on your vehicle.**
- Employees are required to protect the privacy and security of protected health information as defined in State and Federal Law

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